Statement– II

The number of Karakul lambs raised during the last three years/sex-wise

Year	No. of lambs raised		
	Male	Female	Total
1982	29	57	86
1983	26	32	58
1984	34	59	93

Statement–III

The total existing number of such lambs and grown Karakul at the Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute as at present

The strength of Karakuls at DCWKPP, Bikaner as on Ist July, 1985 was as under:–

Age group	Numbers		
	Male	Female	Total
0–3 months	34	48	82
Adult	58	223	281
Total	92	271	363

Karakul Lamb Pelt Production

2114. SHRIMATI RODA MISTRY:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
PROF. (MRS.) ASIMA CHATTERJEE:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute is the only institution in the country undertaking the Karakul lamb pelt production;

(b) whether there are only plans to expand the C.S.W.R.I. or any other institute for the purpose;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are any other species of animals or reptiles being farmed for research purposes or for conservation at present but are latter to be killed for their furs or skins, if so, the names and addresses of such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir. Karakul lamb pelt production is also undertaken at the Sheep Breeding Farm, Khumbathang in Kargil district of J&K State.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b) above, this does not arise.

(d) Research work on broiler rabbits for fur/meat is being carried out at the Division of Fur Animal Breeding, Garsa of the Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute. Further adhoc schemes on evolving broiler rabbits for meat/fur have been sanctioned at the following:

(1) Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Madras.

(2) Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Palampur.

(3) Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi.

(4) Mahatama Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri.

(5) Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola.

(6) Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur.

(7) Kerala Agricultural University, Trichur.

International Symposium on Endangered Marine Animals

2115. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the consideration and deliberation at the International Symposium on Endangered Marine Animals held in Cochin in early 1985;

(b) whether it is a fact that endangered species like turtles have been intensively fished by foreign boats near the Orissa coast;

(c) what measures Government are taking to ensure that foreign chartered boats do not fish endangered species in our waters ; and

(d) the details of safeguards and procedures of inspection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) The Government have no information about any International Symposium on the subject at Cochin. However, a National Symposium on Management and Conservation of Endangered Marine Animals was organised by Marine Biological Association of India in January, 1985 at Cochin. It is reported that the recommendations of the Symposium have not yet been finalised.

(b) No such report has been received in this regard.

(c) and (d) As per the Rules under the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981 the charterer shall ensure that no fishing is done for the protected species covered under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The operaions of the foreign chartered fishing vesels are closely monitored by the Coast Guard. The inspection of the catch of the chartered fishing vessels is conducted by the customs authorities as well as designated officers apopinted by this Minisry, before the vessels sail to their home ports for the sale of the catch.

Relay through INSAT-1B

2116. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether INSAT-1B is being used for relay and rebroad-casting of radio transmissions from some All India Radio stations in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 89 centres of AIR have been linked with the main studios at New Delhi through the five uplink channels at Delhi via INSAT-1B. The additional uplinks at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras are likely to be completed by the end of this year.